

Poulton-le-Fylde Urban District Council



THE ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE
MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

AND THE
PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

FOR 1963



POULTON-LE-FYLDE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

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POULTON-LE-FYLDE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

HEALTH COMMITTEE

1963.

Chairman of the Health
Committee.

Councillor H.W. ROGERS
To May, 1963.

Councillor L. d'A. GRANDELLA
From May, 1963.

Vice Chairman of the
Health Committee.

Councillor Mrs. G.M.A. ABBOTT
To May, 1963.

Councillor R.N. JACKSON
From May, 1963.

Councillor W. HAYTHORNTHWAITE J.P.
Councillor F.C. STEBBING

Chairman of the Council.
Vice Chairman of the Council.

Councillor J. ALDERSON

From May, 1963.

Councillor A. BENNETT

Councillor G. BENTLEY

Councillor K. BRADSHAW

From May, 1963.

Councillor J. CARRABINE

To May, 1963.

Councillor J.H. CORSCADDEN

From May, 1963.

Councillor R. EASTHAM

Councillor J. HALLIWELL

From May, 1963.

Councillor S. HANHAM

To May, 1963.

Councillor F. LOFTHOUSE

Councillor E. MELLALIEU

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Clerk of the Council

A. SENIOR, F.C.C.S., A.A.C.C.A.

Engineer & Surveyor

T.D. MANNING,
M.I. Mun.E., M.R.S.H.

Public Health Department,
Town Hall,
Poulton-le-Fylde.

Mr. Chairman, Lady & Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present to you the report of the Medical Officer of Health for the year 1963.

The population of the Urban District continues to expand, and it is gratifying to note from the 1963 Statistics that the Birth Rate again rose, and that the Death Rate at 12.5 was the lowest recorded since 1958, when it was 12.1.

The Infant Mortality at 11.7 is a big drop from the 20.4 recorded in 1962, and in this instance is not much over half that recorded for England and Wales as a whole. (20.9).

Apart from Measles, notified infectious illness was very low. After two years 1960 and 1961, which showed low incidence, 1962 and 1963 have proved Measles years. 242 cases were recorded in 1962 and 347 in 1963. With the usual alternate year type of epidemiology displayed by Measles, we should have reasonable hopes that 1964 will show a low figure.

Last year I drew attention to eight deaths from Lung Cancer, there were seven in 1963. The public is slow to heed warnings on this grave condition's association with heavy cigarette smoking.

My sincere thanks are due to my colleague in the Health Department, Mr. Lofthouse, who is always busy, and also to the members of the Health Committee for continuing support and interest.

Yours faithfully,

C. Robertson Wilson.

Medical Officer of Health.

STATISTICS.

Poulton-le-Fylde is bounded on the North by Thornton-Cleveleys Urban District, on the East and South by the Parishes of Singleton and Hardhorn-with-Newton and on the West by Blackpool County Borough.

The Council of the District is formed by three representatives from each of the following five wards:-

Poulton North	
Poulton East	Hardhorn
Poulton West	Carleton

The District is principally residential in character. Employment is provided by the Imperial Chemical Industries, the building trades, agriculture, and the several light industries on the industrial estates.

Estimated Population for mid 1963	14,030
Population (1961 Census)	12,600
Number of inhabited houses according to the Rate book at the end of 1963	4,950
Area of District in Acres	2,272
Rateable Value	£527,896
Sum represented by a penny rate	£2,145

BIRTHS.

257, births were registered during the year. 136 males and 121 females. The birth rate was 18.7 per 1,000 population. There were 9 illegitimate births and 4 stillbirths.

Corrected birth rates of recent years were:-

<u>Year</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>No. of Births</u>
1959	14.1	175
1960	16.2	220
1961	15.4	197
1962	16.5	245
1963	18.7	257

Infantile Mortality Rate

	<u>Poulton-le-Fylde.</u>	<u>England & Wales.</u>
Infant Mortality Rate	11.7	20.9
Neo-natal Mortality Rate	NIL	14.2
Stillbirth Rate	15.3	17.3
Maternal Mortality Rate	NIL	0.28

DEATHS

Total 176 Males 95 Females 81

The crude death rate was 12.5 per 1,000 population.

The adjusted death rate was 12.5 per 1,000 population.
(Comparability Factor 1.00)

Deaths and Death Rates of Recent Years.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Deaths</u>
1959	14.5	145
1960	14.8	152
1961	15.3.	159
1962	17.7	187
1963	12.5	176

Age Groups.

The table shows the arrangement of deaths in the age groups.

Age Group	Males	Females	Total
Under 1 year	-	3	3
1 - 5	-	-	-
6 - 15	2	-	2
16 - 25	1	2	3
26 - 35	-	-	-
36 - 45	3	3	6
46 - 55	13	-	13
56 - 65	19	8	27
66 - 75	35	29	64
76 - 85	22	36	58
Total	95	81	176

CAUSES OF DEATH.

Cause of Death	Males	Females	Total	Total % of deaths.
Tuberculosis, respiratory	-	-	-	-
Tuberculosis, other forms	1	-	1	0.56
Malignant neoplasm, stomach	6	2	8	4.48
Malignant neoplasm, lung bronchus	5	2	7	3.97
Malignant neoplasm, breast	-	4	4	2.24
Malignant neoplasm, uterus	-	-	-	-
Other malignant & lymphatic neoplasms	5	5	10	5.68
Leukaemia, aleukaemia	-	-	-	-
Diabetes	1	1	2	1.12
Vascular lesions of nervous system	13	19	32	18.53
Coronary disease, angina	32	7	39	22.35
Hypertension with heart disease	-	3	3	1.68
Other circulatory diseases	3	7	10	5.68
Other heart diseases	5	6	11	6.25
Influenza	2	2	4	2.24
Pneumonia	1	2	3	1.68
Bronchitis	9	3	12	6.71
Other diseases of respiratory system	1	-	1	0.56
Ulcer of stomach & duodenum	2	-	2	1.12
Nephritis & Nephrosis	-	-	-	-
Hyperplasia of prostate	-	-	-	-
Syphilitic disease	-	-	-	-
Gastritis, enteritis & diarrhoea	3	-	3	1.68
Other defined & ill defined diseases	2	10	12	6.71
Congenital Malformations	1	2	3	1.68
Suicide	-	2	2	1.12
Motor Vehicle accidents	2	-	2	1.12
All other accidents	1	4	5	2.84
Homicide	-	-	-	-
	95	81	176	100.00

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

357 cases of infectious diseases were notified during the year as follows:-

Scarlet Fever: 4 cases were notified. There were 3 cases in 1962.

Whooping Cough: No cases were notified. 2 the previous year.

Acute Poliomyelitis: No cases were notified. None the previous year.

Measles: There were 347 cases during 1963. 242 cases the previous year. A comparison of the following figures will show the incidence of the disease in the foregoing ten years.

1953	23 cases	1958	N o n e
1954	104 cases	1959	155 cases
1955	48 cases	1960	36 cases
1956	9 cases	1961	72 cases
1957	240 cases	1962	242 cases
	1963	347 cases	

Diphtheria: No cases were notified. None the previous year.

Dysentery: 1 case was notified. 250 cases the previous year.

Acute Pneumonia: No cases were notified. None the previous year.

Tuberculosis: There were 4 cases of pulmonary tuberculosis notified during the year.

At the close of 1963 there were 20 cases of pulmonary tuberculosis, and 1 case of non-pulmonary tuberculosis, on the register.

The Regional Hospital Board is responsible mainly for the diagnosis and treatment of tuberculosis and the County Council for the prevention and control of the disease.

A Tuberculosis Health Visitor is employed by the County Council and based on the Poulton-le-Fylde Clinic. Hospital and Chest Clinic Facilities are provided by the Blackpool and Fylde Hospital Management Committee.

Erysipelas: 1 case was notified. 2 cases the previous year.

CONTROL OF NOTIFIABLE INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

A thorough investigation is made on the occurrence of a case of notifiable disease, and where necessary specimens of faeces or vomit are collected and forwarded to the Laboratory for analysis.

Disinfectant fluid is issued to cases of infectious diseases; and terminal disinfection by fumigation is carried out, when necessary.

Infectious Disease Visits 39

TABLE OF CASES OF NOTIFIABLE DISEASES 1963.

Notifiable diseases	Total Cases at all ages	Age periods - years									Age unknown
		0-	1-	2-	3-	4-	5-	10-	15-25	Over 25	
Scarlet Fever	4					1	2	1			
Measles	347	16	38	50	49	44	135	12	2		1
Dysentery	1										1
Erysipelas	1									1	
Pulmonary Tuberculosis	4								1	3	

Number of specimens submitted to Public Health Laboratory 20

VITAL STATISTICS

LIVE BIRTHS

Number	257
Rate per 1,000 population	18.7
Illegitimate live births as a per cent of the total live births	3.5%

STILLBIRTHS

Number	4
Rate per 1,000 total live and stillbirths	15.3
Total live and stillbirths	261

INFANT DEATHS (DEATHS UNDER 1 YEAR)

INFANT MORTALITY RATES

Total infant deaths per 1,000 total live births	11.7
Legitimate infant deaths per 1,000 legitimate live births (there were 3 deaths out of 248 legitimate live births)	12.9.

Illegitimate infant deaths per 1,000 illegitimate live births	N I L
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Perinatal mortality rate (stillbirths and deaths under 1 week combined per 1,000 total live and stillbirths)	15.3
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Early neo-natal mortality rate (deaths under 1 week per 1,000 total live births)	N I L
Neo-natal mortality rate (deaths under 4 weeks per 1,000 total live births)	N I L

MATERNAL MORTALITY (INCLUDING ABORTION)

Number of deaths	N I L
Rate per 1,000 total live and stillbirths	N I L

AMBULANCE FACILITIES.

The Lancashire County Council administers the ambulance service.

The nearest ambulance station is at Thornton and ambulances for Poulton-le-Fylde are obtained either from this station or from Fleetwood.

At Thornton and ambulance dual purpose vehicle and car are on call; an ambulance and car are available at Fleetwood.

The service is maintained on a 24hour basis throughout the year.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT 1948 - SECTION 47.

One application was made for a magistrate's order for the removal of an 87 year old lady, who was living in insanitary conditions and was unable to devote proper care and attention to herself.

The lady was in need of hospital treatment and an extension to the original order was granted by the magistrates court at Fleetwood.

HOSPITALS.

There is no hospital situated in the District.

General cases are admitted to Blackpool Victoria and Wesham Park Hospitals, of the Blackpool and Fylde Hospital Management Committee, and the Preston Royal Infirmary of the Preston and Chorley Hospital Management Committee.

The Devonshire Road Hospital, Blackpool, is used for infectious disease cases; tuberculosis cases use the Elswick Sanatorium, and smallpox cases go to the Ainsworth Smallpox Hospital near Bury, which is under the management of the Manchester Regional Hospital Board.

BACTERIOLOGICAL EXAMINATION.

Facilities for the examination of material in suspected cases of Diphtheria, Dysentery, Typhoid Fever, Tuberculosis, Food Poisoning, etc., are available to all Medical Practitioners, at the Public Health Laboratory, Preston, Blackpool Victoria Hospital, and Elswick Sanatorium.

MEDICAL STAFF OF THE CLINIC.

Dr. O. A. Prosser.	Assistant Divisional Medical Officer, Lancashire County Council.
Mrs. R. Bevan.	Health Visitor and School Nurse.
Miss. L. Gilbert.	Health Visitor and School Nurse.
Miss. D. Higham.	Health Visitor and School Nurse.
Miss. P. Worden.	Health Visitor and School Nurse.
Mrs. J.H. Mallandaine, 30, Moorway, Poulton-le-Fylde. Tel: 3528.	Midwife.
Mrs. R. A. Ronson, 18, Fylde Road, Poulton-le-Fylde. Tel: 2529.	District Nurse.
Miss. M. Beswick, 27, Wembley Avenue, Poulton-le-Fylde. Tel: 2986.	District Nurse.
Miss. M.W. Lawson.	Tuberculosis Health Visitor.

COUNTY COUNCIL HEALTH SERVICES AVAILABLE IN POULTON-LE-FYLDE.

The School and Child Welfare clinic in Princess Avenue, Poulton-le-Fylde provides the following services at the times shown.

Clinic	Times.
Antenatal	Tuesday from 1.30 p.m.
Antenatal Relaxation Classes	Alternate Fridays 10.45 a.m.
Child Welfare	Wednesday 10 a.m. - 12 noon and 2 - 4.30 p.m.
Chiropody	Monday 9.30 a.m. - 12 noon and 2 - 4.30 p.m.
Old Age Pensioners only	Thursday 2 - 4.30 p.m. Alternate Fridays 9.30 a.m. - 12 noon
Dental	Monday 9.30 a.m. - 12 noon and 2 - 4.30 p.m. Thursday 9.30 a.m. - 12 noon and 2 - 4.30 p.m.
School Children	Thursday 10 a.m. - 12 noon.
Speech Therapy	Monday 10 a.m. - 12 noon. Thursday 2 - 4 p.m.

In addition on alternate Monday afternoons a Child Welfare Clinic is held between 2 and 4 p.m., at the Carleton Memorial Centre.

WATER SUPPLY.

The Fylde Water Board, of which Poulton-le-Fylde is a constituent authority, provides a plentiful and excellent supply of water from their gathering grounds at Grisedale and Stocks.

During 1963 new connections were made to 253 new houses and flatlets from public mains supply.

A total of 5,232 houses was supplied from public mains at the end of the year.

Sampling.

28 samples of tap water were taken, for examination at the Public Health Laboratory, these were obtained from various addresses about the town.

25 of the samples were satisfactory. 3 unsatisfactory.

HOUSING CONDITIONS.

The standard of housing in the town is good, the district having a high proportion of new properties. A number of the older houses are unfit and will require attention under the Housing Acts.

The majority of minor housing defects discovered were remedied by informal action.

Private Building.

During the year 253 houses were erected and more families from outside areas became resident in Poulton-le-Fylde.

DWELLINGS ERECTED DURING 1963.

WARDS.

NORTH			EAST			WEST			CARLETON			HARDHORN			TOTAL
H.	F.	B.	H.	F.	B.	H.	F.	B.	H.	F.	B.	H.	F.	B.	
-	-	-	-	8	35	8	-	29	15	-	25	53	-	80	253

Houses - H.
 Flats - F.
 Bungalows - B.

DRAINAGE & SEWERAGE.

The Carleton Relief Sewer was completed during 1963.

SUMMARY OF REPORT.

Population..... 14,030 an increase of
500 on the population
figure for 1962.

Births..... 257 births registered.
Birth Rate..... 18.7 per 1,000 population.
Average England and Wales.. 18.2 per 1,000 population.

Deaths..... 176 deaths registered.
Death Rate..... 12.5 per 1,000 population.
Average England and Wales.. 12.2 per 1,000 population.

Infectious Diseases..... 357 cases of infectious
diseases were notified.

Housing..... 253 new houses, flats and
bungalows erected.

Water Supply..... 28 samples obtained.

Sewerage..... Carleton relief sewer was
completed and is in use.

Public Health Department,
Town Hall,
Poulton-le-Fylde.

Mr. Chairman, Lady & Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting the Report of the Public Health Inspector for 1963.

Arising from the routine sampling of milk one herd of cows in Poulton-le-Fylde was found to be infected with Brucellosis. The milk from this herd was heat treated until the 2 affected cows were sold, and the herd cleared.

The throughput of stock at the two licensed slaughterhouses was maintained at a high rate, and it was necessary to pay daily visits, including weekends. From December the Council sanctioned the employment of a Relief Meat Inspector for alternate weekend work.

The new Meat Inspection Regulations came into force on 1st October, and from that date the Council were empowered to make a charge for all carcasses inspected. Another requirement that all carcasses must now be marked together with additional recording, has further increased the time devoted to this work.

The administration of the Council's houses was placed with the Public Health Inspector during the year. The register of applications, letting list and general housing matters received attention. Eight elderly people's flatlets at Greenway House were completed, and tenancies allocated.

Two premises in Poulton are used for the boarding of animals, and the Animal Boarding Establishments Act was applicable to these two businesses. Conditions at both places were good, and in some instances better than the requirements of the Act.

There was a change of staff during 1963, and Miss Jolly was appointed in June, to fill the vacancy which occurred. By this time she is becoming familiar with the many and varied tasks in the Public Health Department.

I wish to thank Dr. C. Robertson Wilson, the Medical Officer of Health, and the Chairman and Members of the Health Committee for their continued support during 1963.

Yours faithfully,

J. A. Lofthouse.

Public Health Inspector.

I N S P E C T I O N O F T H E D I S T R I C T

SANITARY INSPECTIONS.

1771 visits were made to 276 premises during 1963.

2 defects or nuisances were discovered and 17 abated;
it was necessary to serve 2 informal notices.

WORK CARRIED OUT AS A RESULT OF FORMAL OR INFORMAL ACTION

Roofs repaired	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Eaves gutters renewed or repaired...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Re-pointing of brickwork	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Repairs to chimney stack	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
Repairs to walls	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Windows repaired	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Inspection chamber cover renewed	...	...	...	...	...	...	1

SANITARY ACCOMMODATION.

The following list shows the numbers and types of the various sanitary arrangements in the district at the 31st December, 1963 and those for the previous year.

	1962	1963
Water Closets	5372	5621
Pail Closets	6	3
Privies	4	4
Movable Dustbins	5350	5491
Waste Water Closets	N I L	N I L

REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL.

The cleansing service is under the control of the Engineer & Surveyor who supplied the following information.

Collection of Refuse.

This was effected by means of two covered vehicles, one working fulltime, 42 hours, and the other approximately 40 hours per week. A weekly collection of refuse was undertaken.

Disposal.

Domestic refuse was deposited on an area of re-claimed land behind an embankment at Skippool Marsh, was mechanically levelled and covered with ashes and sub soil. During 1963 approximately 5,491 dustbins were emptied every week.

Details of Service.

Total number of bins emptied.....	285,544.
Weight of refuse collected.....	5,397 tons.
Cost of collection and disposal.....	£10,926.
Weight of salvage sold.....	186 tons.
Value.....	£ 1,316.
Cost of Baling.....	£ 1,123.

Road Sweeping.

The Council's workmen swept approximately 550 miles of highway during the year. A mechanical sweeper (suction cleaner) was brought into operation in November to provide a more efficient and hygienic service.

RODENT AND INSECT PESTS.

One trained operative is employed, part-time on the eradication of rats and mice; various methods are used and such poisons as zinc phosphide, arsenic and warfarin are available for use.

INSPECTION AND TREATMENTS UNDERTAKEN.

Type of premises	Number of Inspections	Number of Treatment visits
Dwelling Houses	93	250
Business premises	32	45
Local Authority Property	17	87
Agricultural property	37	183
Total	179	565

DISINFESTATION.

The infestations dealt with during the year were for cockroaches, flies, fleas, ants and wasps.

D.D.T. in liquid, powder or smoke form were all used with good results and follow up treatments were not found to be necessary.

DISINFESTATION VISITS (INSECT PESTS).

Number of houses found to be infested	38
Number of houses disinfested	38

COUNCIL HOUSING.

During 1963 the Housing Committee placed the responsibility for administration of the Council's houses with the Public Health Inspector.

A short resume of the housing work is given:-

Lettings.

The following allocations were made by the Housing Sub-Committee during the year, as vacancies occurred.

18 houses	5 bungalows
11 flats	10 flatlets

Greenway House.

The erection of Greenway House, in First Avenue was completed and new tenants were selected for the eight elderly peoples flatlets provided.

A short informal meeting was held in the Town Hall, to enable the tenants to meet each other and to hear short talks on the operation of the central heating system.

Register of Applications.

At the 31st December, 1963 applications had been made for Council accommodation as follows:-

3 bedroom houses	12 applications
2 bedroom houses	50 applications
flatlets	23 applications
bungalows	15 applications
Total	<u>100</u>

In addition 25 applications were received from persons residing outside the Poulton-le-Fylde area.

HOUSING.

Number of new houses erected by private contractors during the year.

245

Number of houses erected by Local Authority

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1. INSPECTION OF DWELLING HOUSES.

(a)	Total number of dwellings inspected.	38
(b)	Number of inspections made.	59
(c)	Number of dwellings in (a) above found to be not in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation but capable of being rendered fit.	31
(d)	Total number of dwellings existing at end of year which were unfit for human habitation and not capable at reasonable expense of being rendered fit and in respect of which-	
(i)	Demolition Orders have been made	1
(ii)	Demolition or Closing Orders have not yet been made	20

2. HOUSES DEMOLISHED OR CLOSED.

	Houses Demolished	Displaced during year.	
		Persons	Families
<u>In clearance areas.</u>			
(a) Houses unfit for habitation.	-	4	2
(b) Houses included for bad arrangement.	-	-	-
<u>Not in clearance area.</u>			
(c) As a result of formal or informal procedure under Sec.17.Housing Act, 1957.	3	-	-
	Houses Closed.		
Houses closed under Housing Act, Sec. 16(4),17(1) & 35(1)	1	7	3

3. UNFIT HOUSES MADE FIT AND HOUSES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE REMEDIED.

- (a) After informal action by Local Authority. 3
 (b) After formal notice under Public Health Acts. 1

4. PURCHASE OF HOUSES BY AGREEMENT.

	No. of houses	No. of occupants in houses
Houses in clearance areas	-	-

5. IMPROVEMENT GRANTS.

Action during year	No. Schemes	No. houses affected
(a) Submitted by Private individuals to Local Authority.	-	-
(b) Approved by Local Authority	-	-
(c) Submitted by Local Authority to Ministry.	-	-
(d) Finally approved by Ministry.	-	-
(e) Work completed.	1	1

6. STANDARD GRANTS.

Action during year	No. Schemes	No. houses affected
(a) Submitted to Local Authority.	7	7
(b) Approved by Local Authority.	7	7
(c) Work Completed.	6	6

7. CERTIFICATE OF DISREPAIR.

Number of applications made	N I L
Number of Certificates issued	N I L
Applications made for the Cancellation of Certificates	N I L
Number undertakings given to carry out work	1

HOUSING INSPECTIONS.

Certificate of Disrepair	3
Improvement Grants	47
Demolition Orders	27
Closing Orders	1
Housing Visits	27
Council House Visits	39

CAMPING SITES.

9 sites were used for camping purposes, housing an estimated maximum number of 605 persons in 213 caravans and tents, of these 9 sites 5 were licensed by the Council and were subject to licensing conditions.

Inspections of Caravan Sites	20
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PADDLING POOL.

During the year the childrens' paddling pool in the Jean Stansfield Memorial Park came into use.

A sterilizing agent was added to the water each time the pool was emptied and refilled, and samples were taken to check the cleanliness.

21 samples were taken, 14 were found to be satisfactory and 7 unsatisfactory.

MEAT INSPECTION.

The two private slaughterhouses were in use during the year. It was necessary during 1963, to carry out meat inspection duties in the evenings on Saturdays and on Sundays.

The number of animals inspected from the date of decontrol is shown.

Year	No. of animals killed and inspected.
1954	1693
1955	3154
1956	6482
1957	6857
1958	7039
1959	7462
1960	8509
1961	10292
1962	10164
1963	8136

The introduction of the Meat Inspection Regulations 1963, has caused an increase in the work at the slaughterhouses.

From October 1st 1963, the Council were empowered by the Regulations to make a charge for the Meat Inspection Service, and a sum of £80 - 12s. - 2d., was received for the months of October, November, and December.

Slaughterhouse Visits	862
Number of Animals slaughtered and inspected	8136
Weight of meat rejected as unfit	2 tons 6 cwt 3 qrs.

SLAUGHTERING LICENSES.

At the 31st December, 1963, 8 licenses had been issued by the Council enabling their holders to slaughter animals.

CARCASES INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED.

	Cattle excluding cows	Cows	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Calves	Total
No. of animals killed and inspected	337	164	5290	2299	46	8136
<u>All Diseases Except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci</u>						
Whole Carcases Condemned	-	2	14	5	5	26
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	19	32	190	504	3	748
Percentage of No. inspected affected with diseases other than tuberculosis or cysticerci	5.6%	20.7%	3.8%	22.1%	17.3%	9.5%
<u>Tuberculosis</u>						
Whole Carcases Condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	16	-	16
Percentage of No. inspected affected with tuberculosis	-	-	-	0.7%	-	0.2%
<u>Cysticercosis</u>						
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration	-	-	-	-	-	-

MILK SUPPLY.

There were 22 distributors of milk registered by the Council at the end of 1963: and they operated from the following premises;-

Dairies in the District	4
Shops in the District	18

The Lancashire County Council are now the responsible Authority for the issue of Licenses to sell Designated milk, this duty having been transferred from the Urban District Council.

MILK SAMPLING.

47 samples of milk were obtained, locally, during the year, the following table shows the results.

Type of milk	Results	Failed to pass test
Tuberculin Tested	22 Satisfactory	5
Pasteurised	2 Satisfactory	None
Tuberculin Tested		
Pasteurised	15 Satisfactory	1
Sterilised	2 Satisfactory	None

Where samples of milk fail to pass the statutory tests, the matter is taken up with the producer or dairy and repeat samples obtained.

In the event of the Producer being in another District, the result is passed on to the Public Health Officer for that area, and to the Area Milk Officer of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, who are able to sample at the source.

SAMPLING.

The Food and Drugs Authority for the Poulton-le-Fylde Area is the Lancashire County Council, and the following information has been kindly supplied by Dr.S.C.Gawne, the County Medical Officer of Health.

A total of 73 samples was obtained, consisting of 41 samples of milk (5 of which were Channel Islands milk) and 32 others comprising:-

1 Instant Welsh rarebit	1 Tea
1 Custard powder	1 Demarara sugar
1 Fruit curd	1 Tincture of iodine B.P.
1 Liquid paraffin B.P.	1 Baking powder
1 Caster sugar	1 Icing sugar
1 Pastry margarine	1 Cooking fat
3 Canned fruit	1 Ice-cream
2 Sweets	2 Vegetables, canned
1 Fish, canned	1 Soft drink powder
1 Horseraddish relish	2 Dried vegetables
1 Dried herbs	1 Double cream
1 Penicillin tablets B.P.	1 Stomach powder
2 Pudding mixture, sweetened	1 Spaghetti with meat.

The County Analyst gave adverse reports on the following samples:-

<u>Type of Sample</u>	<u>Result of Analysis</u>	<u>Action Taken.</u>
1 liquid paraffin B.P.	Sample did not comply with B.P. Limit test for carbonisable substances.	Packers communicated with and stock withdrawn.
1 Vegetables, canned	Potatoes present in approximately twice the quantity of turnips yet potatoes followed turnips in voluntary list of ingredients.	Manufacturer notified.
1 Informal milk	Fat content 2.25% therefore deficient 25% fat.	Formal sample taken.

FOOD PREMISES VISITED.

Ice-cream Manufacturers	6
Fried Fish Shops	2
Butchers' Shop	1
Grocers' Shops	4
Ice-cream Retailers	16

REGISTRATIONS.

2 food shops were registered during the year for the sale and storage of ice-cream.

The total number of registered premises was;-

5 Fried Fish Shops
7 Preserved food businesses.
1 Ice-cream Manufacturer.
36 Ice-cream retailers.

FOOD INSPECTIONS.

The following foodstuffs were found to be unfit, during 1963 and were disposed of to the tip.

	lbs.	ozs.
1 tin of lambs liver	10	0
1 tin of Danish lunch tongues	6	0
1 tin of corned beef	6	0
1 tin of cooked, boneless ham	11	9
1 tin of cooked ham	14	5
2 tins of corned beef	12	0
6 tins of pineapple chunks	11	4
1 tin of sliced peaches	1	13
1 tin of evaporated milk		14 $\frac{1}{2}$
1 tin of tomatoes		14
1 tin of beans & pork sausages		8
1 tin of butter beans		15 $\frac{1}{2}$
1 tin of pilchards		8
2 tins of solid pack apples	12	0
boneless, frozen cow hind	83	0
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	171	11
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SHOP INSPECTIONS.

12 inspections were made under the Shops Acts; informal action only was necessary to remedy contraventions.

FACTORIES INSPECTIONS.

Premises	Number on Register	Number of Inspections	Number of written notices
Factories in which Sec. 1,2,3,4, & 6, are to be enforced by Local Authorities.	2	862	-
Factories not included in the above in which Sec. 7 is enforced by the Local Authority.	51	17	-
Other premises in which Sec. 7, is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding outworkers premises)	13	9	-
Total	66	888	-

CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND.

Particulars	Found	Remedied	Referred		
			to H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector	No. of Prosec.
Want of cleanliness	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors	-	-	-	-	-
<u>SANITARY CONVENIENCES.</u>					
(a) Insufficient	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	1	1	-	1	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
(d) Other offences	-	-	-	-	-
Total	1	1	-	1	-

SUMMARY OF INSPECTIONS.

1963.

Housing Inspections	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	27
Housing Inspections (Improvement Grants)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	47
Housing Inspections (Demolition Orders)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	27
Housing Inspections (Closing Orders)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Housing Inspections (Certificate of Disrepair)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Housing Inspections (Repair)...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Visits to applicants for Council houses	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	54
Visits to tenants re exchanges	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	19
Visits to tenants re lodgers...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Visits to Council Houses	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	39
Slaughterhouse Visits	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	862
Food Inspections	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8
Visits to Food Premises...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Food Control Visits	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Food Vehicle Inspection...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Grocers Shop Inspections	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Butchers' Shop Inspections	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Milk Samples Taken...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	47
Water Samples Taken	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	28
Ice-cream Samples Taken...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10
Paddling Pool Samples Taken	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	21
Complaints Investigated and Visits made in connection therewith...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	106
Revisits to premises previously inspected	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	19
Interviews	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	110
Drainage Visits	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	38
Drain Tests	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	11
Disinfestation Visits	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	38
Piggery Visits	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8
Farm Inspections	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Dairy Inspection	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Agricultural Visits	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	95
Poultry Farms Inspected...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Visits re Fowl Pest.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7
Shop Inspections	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Factory Inspections	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7
Smoke Observations...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Tip Inspections	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Visits to Public Conveniences	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	12
Watercourse Inspections...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
Caravan Sites Visited	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	20
Welfare Visits	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	11
Infectious Disease Investigations...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	39
Rodent Visits...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	20
Untidy Gardens Inspections	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10
Visits to flatlets...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Visits to Animal Boarding Establishments	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5



